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A remote control system is provided for translating an utterance of an operator to a control parameter of an electronic device. A remote control of the system includes an audio input for receiving the utterance. A transmitter of the remote control is operably linked to the audio input for providing a transmission signal corresponding to the utterance. A relay station is responsive to the transmission signal. The relay station includes a receiver for recovering the utterance from the transmission signal and a speech recognition module for translating the utterance of the operator into the control parameter. In this way, the control parameter is provided to an electronic device enabling hands-free remote control of the electronic device.